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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR
PETER JAY -- LATIN AMERICA

1. ON BELIZE, THE SECRETARY SAID HE HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ AND URGED HIM TO SUPPORT THE UK PROPOSALS IN HIS MEETING WITH BELIZEAN PREMIER PRICE. TORRIJOS HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US ON HIS EFFORTS WITH PRICE AND HAS INFORMED US THERE MAY BE A MEETING ON BELIZE IN JAMAICA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TORRIJOS THINKS HE HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS WITH PRICE

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BUT BELIEVES THAT PRICE IS NOW MORE CONCERNED WITH CONCESSIONS ON THE OFFSHORE KEYS THAN THOSE ON THE MAINLAND. MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ROEL HAS TOLD US HE (ROEL) HAS GONE AS FAR AS HE CAN UNDER HIS EXISTING GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE UK PROPOSAL AND IS CHECKING WITH HIS PRESIDENT FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE. IF HE DOESN'T CALL US BACK, THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ROEL.

2. JAY THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE MEETING IN JAMAICA TAKE PLACE AND THAT THE MEXICANS BE PRESENT AT SUCH A MEETING. THE SECRETARY AGREED BUT NOTED THAT EXPANDING THE PARTICIPANTS TO INCLUDE MORE CARIBBEAN STATES GIVES US SOME CONCERN BECAUSE-IT MIGHT MAKE PRICE

BECOME MORE OBDURATE. THE SECRETARY AGREED WITH JAY'S POINT THAT ROEL IS THE KEY BUT SAID MANLEY IS ALSO IMPORTANT. THE UK SHOULD WORK ON MANLEY AND BARBADIANS. THE LATTER ARE BEING VERY HARD ON THIS QUESTION. WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE MEXICANS, MANLEY AND THE MINOR CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. HE WONDERED IF THE BRITISH COULD NOT DO SOMETHING WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH TO INSURE THAT THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WOULD NOT OBSTRUCT AN AGREEMENT. WE HAD GOT SO CLOSE THAT IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION NOW SLIPPED AWAY. HE OBSERVED, TED ROWLANDS HAS DONE A FINE JOB. VANCE

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